

# MUSIC AND MOUNTAINS

12-Day Tour Featuring Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama



Visit Music City USA, Graceland, Elvis Presley's boyhood home, Muscle Shoals-the Hit Record Capital of the World. Along the way learn about southern jazz and see the largest space museum in the world, America's largest motorcycle museum and where Civil Rights history was made.

**DAY 1 & 2** Arrive in Atlanta and overnight. While in the south's gateway city, visit the Georgia Aquarium, and the World of Coca-Cola.

**DAY 3 & 4** Travel to Nashville (4 hours, 250 mi. / 402 km.), where you can see the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Ryman Auditorium and the Musicians Hall of Fame. Amble through the Music City Walk of Fame stars located along Music Mile.

**DAY 5 & 6** Travel to Memphis (3.5 hours, 215 mi. / 315 km.). Here you can spend the day at Graceland, Elvis' home, and then the night on Beale Street. The next day, dine on Memphis BBQ and visit B.B. King's Blues Club.

**DAY 7 & 8** Travel to Tupelo (2 hours, 110 mi. / 177 km.). See Elvis' hometown and tour his boyhood home before traveling on to the "Hit Capital of the World," Muscle Shoals, AL. (1 1/2 hours, 90 mi. / 144 km.). On your way to Muscle Shoals, you will travel on the Natchez Trace Parkway, one of the most scenic highways in America. Plan to overnight in the northwest Alabama towns of Florence, Tuscumbia, Sheffield and Muscles Shoals. The "Father of the Blues," W.C. Handy, was born in Florence where the annual W.C. Handy Music Festival is held each summer. Another native son, Sam Phillips, discovered Elvis. FAME is just one of the recording studios located in these small Alabama cities where international superstars like Aretha Franklin, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Otis Redding and the Rolling Stones came to record in the 60s. Tour FAME and Muscle Shoals Sound studios. Visit the Alabama Music Hall of Fame for a complete history of Alabama music. Eat at the Rattlesnake Saloon, located in the woods under a bluff or at the 360 revolving restaurant high atop the Renaissance tower overlooking the Tennessee River.

**DAY 9 & 10** Travel to Birmingham (2 hours, 115 mi. / 185 km.) which is Alabama's largest city and boasts a vibrant arts and cultural scene. Visitors are welcomed to the city by a large statue of the mythical Roman god of the forge, Vulcan, which overlooks downtown Birmingham with its jazz and dance clubs, theater and fine dining. The history of the modern civil rights movement is showcased at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. Next-door is the 16th Street Baptist Church, and nearby is Kelly Ingram Park. All are part of the U.S. Park Service's Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument. Birmingham is also home to America's largest collection of motorcycles, on display at the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum. On Sunday, attend the church service at 16th Street Baptist Church for a spiritual service with a lively southern gospel choir. There are several entertainment districts with food and music in downtown Birmingham including UpTown near the convention center, at 5 Points South, Avondale and Lakeview.

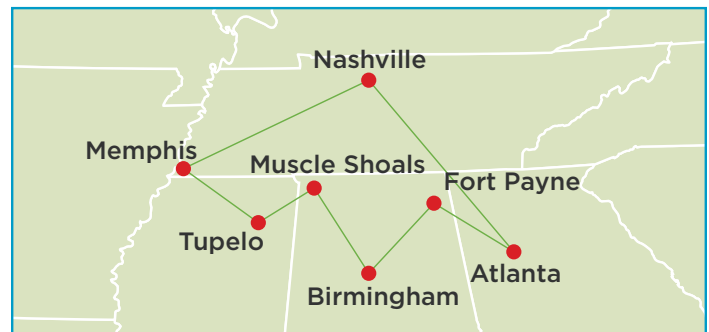
**DAY 11 & 12** Travel to Fort Payne (1.5 hours, 100 mi. / 160 km.) to search for Sand Mountain and Sacred Harp, an acappella singing popular during the American's Civil War. The tradition continues to echo at Liberty Baptist Church in the small community of Henager during their regular Sunday morning service year round and during special singing events. While in the area visit the mountain top village of Mentone, Little River Canyon and DeSoto State Park for waterfalls and rock formations. On your final day return to Atlanta for your trip home (2:30 hours, 125 mi. / 201 km.).



B.B. King's Blues Club - Memphis, TN



Barber Vintage Motorsports - Birmingham, AL



## 12 DAY / 11 NIGHT ITINERARY

Atlanta: 2 Nights  
Nashville: 2 Nights  
Memphis: 2 Nights

Muscle Shoals: 2 Nights  
Birmingham: 2 Nights  
Fort Payne: 2 Nights